

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1 was examined. The claims have been amended as noted above. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, Applicants point out that the Response filed on June 26, 2006 was intended to direct all of claims 1 and 3-12 at the elected species of Figs. 5 and 6. Applicants specifically stated that the, "amended the claims to be directed at the embedded embodiments of Figs. 5 as described in the Specification on page 15 at the end of the second full paragraph." A typographical error was then made when only "claim 1" was identified. Applicants intended to identify each of claims 1 and 3-12 as reading on the species.

In response to the rejection, claim 1 has been amended to direct the claim to parylene films having an embedded expandable support.

It is believed that this amendment distinguishes the cited Banas et al. '523 patent (which never discloses or suggests parylene encapsulation) and is within the elected species as defined in the June 26, 2006, response.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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